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(54) A diamond sintered compact and a process for the production of the same

(57) The present invention aims at providing a material for a diamond sintered compact tool, which has a high strength and is available as a material for a cutting tool.

Accordingly, the present invention is concerned with a diamond sintered compact comprising a WC-Co type cemented carbide substrate having slight undulation

and a diamond sintered compact bonded to one surface of the substrate by sintering during a step of sintering at an ultra-high pressure and high temperature, which has a plate thickness is 0.5 mm to 5 mm and an outer diameter is at least 20 mm and whose diamond sintered compact layer has at least 50 % of a thickness area within a range of 0.05 mm to 0.4 mm and contains Co diffusing from the cemented carbide substrate.

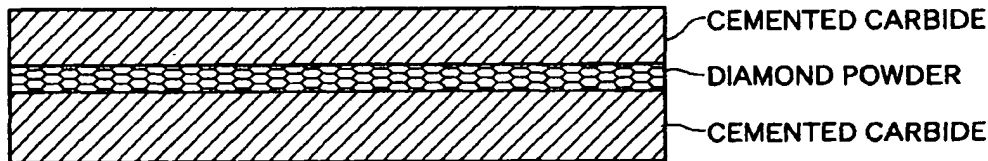


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